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FOLLOWING TEL SENT ACTION ADDIS ABABA 02 AUG
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QUOTE:
C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 0606

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS MILI ET
SUBJECT: MAVCOMMUNIT AND 2ND DIV. RELATIONS

REF: (A) ASMARA 0598, (B) SLUTZ/TIENKEN TELCON '7)6 29.

1. YOU WILL HAVE SEEN FROM REFTEL THATOIC NAVCOMMUNIT
FINALLY OBTAINED APPOINTMENT WITH COL. TELEHUN JULY 29, FIRST
OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH HIM SINCE BEFORE DEATH OF BG GETACHEW.
2. COL. TELEHUN WAS IN CONFIDENT, RELAXED MOOD, IN DIRECT
CONTRAST TO NERVOUS, HARRIED, ABRUPT MANNER THAT CHARACTERIZED
THE VERY BRIEF EXCHANGES IN PASSING DURING RECENT WEEKS WHEN OIC
ENCOUNTERED TELEHUN ON WAY TO OR FROM MEETINGS.
3. COL. TELEHUN EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD LOCKED THE GATE TO PREVENT
FURTHER UNAUTHORIZED DEPARTURES OF HIS MEN FROM 2ND DIV. COMPOUND.
NO FURTHER EXPLANATION WAS GIVEN AS TO WHETHER THESE "DEPARTERS"
WERE DESERTERS OR MERELY MEN SLIPPING IN AND OUT AND AVOIDING
THE NORMAL CHECK-OUT SYSTEM.
4. DURING 20 MINUTE MEETING WITH OIC, TELEHUN WAS EXTREMELY
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CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY; REAFFIRMED HIS FULL RESPONSIBILITY

FOR SECURITY OF THE AMERICAN STATION AND PERSONNEL, AND ASSURED OIC THAT OIC CONTINUED HAVE DIRECT AND IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO TELEHUN AT ALL TIMES. DURING MEETING, TELEHUN PERSONALLY TELEPHONED TO INSTRUCT MAIN-GATE GUARDS TO ADMIT OIC ON ARRIVAL. HE ALSO READILY ACCEPTED AND QUICKLY APPROVED SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR MINOR IMPROVEMENTS IN PRESENT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS SUGGESTED BY OIC.

5. COMMENT: RELATIONS BETWEEN NAVCOMMUNIT AND 2ND DIV. SEEM TO BE ON TRACK, BUT IN SOMEWHAT MORE FORMALIZED STRUCTURE. PREVIOUS PRACTICE OF FREE MOVEMENT BETWEEN TWO COMPOUNDS IS PRECLUDED BY LOCKED GATE, RENDERING ACCESS TO SENIOR 2ND DIV. OFFICERS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY RESTRICTED TO OIC, PERHAPS BY INTENTION.

6. YOU MAY WISH POUCH COPIES OF THIS MESSAGE AND REFTEL TO BARRETT, AF/E, FOR INFO.
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